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CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR

THE TRUTH

GARDENS

By Mabel Madeford

"A bruised reed shall he not break,"

Matt. 12:20.

Sunshine glinting off fleecy clouds like shining mirrors causing squinting eyes and bounding souls. Soft winds tumbling leaves as we take our garden rake and begin to clear off last year's debris of weeds and dead grass.

"Would you believe it!" we cried. "This dark, bare, ugly ground is chock full of tiny roots and seeds and bulbs that are now stirring and making ready to burst forth into plants that will be a riot of gorgeous blossoms."

. . . . . Then a meditation as we lean upon our rake handle . . . . . .

Lives are so dark and bare and many times unlovely. But, then, a gentle raking and digging and stirring and seeds that have been planted begin to quicken and stir and spring forth and the once unlovely life blooms and becomes fragrant with His fragrance.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

"And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not," Isaiah 58:11.

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Notices

Montana-Wyoming States Convention

The Montana-Wyoming states convention will convene at the Civic Center in Lewistown, Mont., beginning on the evening of the 21st day of May, and will continue through the 24th.

Special music and singing will be furnished by the young people.

Free entertainment will be furnished as far as possible.

We are looking for Brother Earl P. Paulk, our Second Assistant General Overseer, to be with us and to be our main speaker, and we are also looking for visiting ministers and workers from neighboring states and Canada.

Because of the war situation, we are expecting a large attendance at the convention, which may be the last large get-together on account of the rubber rationing and other problems, which would prevent our people traveling these long distances.

Lewistown, the heart of the State of Montana, is surrounded by beautiful mountains and scenes of interest. It is a good place to spend a vacation, to say nothing about the wonderful spiritual benefits that we are anticipating.

The local Church of God of Lewistown extends a cordial invitation to everyone to come and make himself at home, and enjoy the blessings of God together.—George P. Savchenko, pastor of Lewistown, Mont., church, 323 West Blvd., Lewistown, Mont.

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District Conventions

Southeast, Mo., district convention, at Vicksburg, Mo., May 8-10. B. W. Elliott, district overseer.

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Daily Vacation Bible School Worker Wants Competent Help

Bessie Oder, a former student of B. T. S., will give time to evangelistic and Daily Vacation Bible School work during the spring and summer months. She is in need of a coworker, a young lady who can play, sing and help teach in Bible Schools. Sister Oder will be glad to answer any calls. She can be reached at Box 946, Cedar Keys, Fla.

Revival

MAGIC SPRINGS, Ark. — We have closed a meeting here. Sister Marcess Farmer did the preaching. The Lord surely blessed. One soul found God and others were blessed with a closer walk with the Lord. Pray that souls here will receive the Holy Ghost.—Ola Blair.

Congressmen Visit Church of God in Washington, D. C.

By Earl P. Paulk
Second Assistant General Overseer

It became my happy privilege on March 15 to go to our national capital, Washington, D. C., where Brother Wade H. Horton is the pastor of the Church of God, to add my bit to the dedicatorial services of a new church building which they had purchased. It certainly is a nice building in a very fine residential part of the city. It has a full-size basement with a furnace to heat the building throughout. The main auditorium is 30 by 52 feet, well seated and neatly arranged. In the back of the church there are Sunday school rooms with another auditorium, 35 by 45, with a nice rostrum, piano, etc., also to this a balcony, which is very nice.

Brother Horton certainly did a splendid job in securing this wonderful, nice church building in our nation's capital city. The dedicatorial services were wonderful. God was with us in a miraculous way. The old time power of God came down, and our souls were blessed as the Holy Ghost took charge. We had several ministers from other churches; namely, the Pentecostal movements and others. They seemed to enjoy the services immensely. Also, present with us was Honorable Joseph R. Bryson, congressman from South Carolina.

Then we continued with the saints and Brother Horton in the new building for a week. God was with us, and many came to the altar and prayed for the mercies of God. On the following Sunday we had a great day. There were many visitors with us, including the congressman from Georgia, Honorable John S. Gibson. These national leaders seemed to be greatly impressed with the old time religion and the old time way of worshiping God, and they stated publicly that they were.

Another thing that speaks highly for the noble leadership of Brother Horton is the fact that he has been able to secure a nice parsonage on the same lot for the pastor to live in. So we feel and know that there is a greater day for the Church of God in Washington, our national capital.

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless the great band of workers there and their faithful pastor and that He will give them an old time landslide in the salvation of souls—that many will be converted, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Notes From the Field

R. P. Johnson
First Assistant General Overseer

Telegram: "Rev. D. A. Biggs informs us of wonderful success in the orphanage offering, of $32, with 164 in Sunday school. They have recently had a most successful revival with thirty-five converted, thirteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-four added to the church, and seventeen baptized in water. They have also set a new high on finance. There is a wonderful revival spirit in the churches throughout the Leadbelt and other sections of the state." —H. R. Morehead, overseer of Missouri.

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Telegram: "Easter offering for orphanage, $100. Glory!"—Linwood Jacobs, pastor of church at Rome, Ga.

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Brother Butler, of Canton, Ga., informs us that the church there has raised $1,780 on its new church building, completing the payments on a nice building.

Brother Paul Stallings, of Charlotte, N. C., states that they are putting in the foundation of their new building in Charlotte.

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The office and Publishing House force recently enjoyed a pleasant surprise in the visit of Rev. and Mrs. William Morrow, of Fort Mill, S. C.

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"The best district convention ever held on the Orlando (Florida) district was yesterday, convening at Apopka, Florida. The mission offering was $445, besides other offerings during the convention. This district had just raised an offering of $130 for the orphanage." —Paul Taylor, district overseer.

The sun never shines so bright in our souls as when our conscience is clear.

The Christian Addition Table or Stepping-Stones to Perfection

By Rufus Hulburt

Please read 2 Peter 1:1-4, noticing the wonderful things God has provided for His followers.

Verse 5, "And beside this, giving all diligence (not half-heartedly nor spasmodically but with "all diligence") ADD . . . . " So let us lay aside once and for all any idea we might have that we have reached the top. Peter says, "add to your faith." Many times we feel that if we as individuals or the Church as a whole only had faith, what wonderful things we could do by the help of the Lord. But Peter says "add to your faith" —assuming that we already have faith.

The author, Peter, is such an interesting character—impulsive, ambitious, self-assertive, quick to speak; but my, how he grows! I heard a person say once that he liked Peter because he was so human. But I wonder—He loved the Lord with all his heart and would do anything Jesus asked him to do. For instance, that morning on the lake after they had fished all *night*, (and that was the time when the Galilean fishermen fished) Jesus said, "Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught." Peter said, "We have toiled all *night* and caught nothing, nevertheless at thy word we will let down the net." It took a lot of grace to do that. Right in plain sight of all the other fishermen—friends and neighbors—to go out there and fish in broad daylight with the sun shining brightly. But Peter was willing to endure the astonished gaze, comments and perhaps ridicule and obey because Jesus said to. Then the time when Jesus began to try to show the disciples how He must suffer and die, Peter began to rebuke Him. Jesus said, "Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." Peter accepted this stern reproof and I am sure always remembered it. Near the eve of Jesus' life here He was trying to tell the disciples some of the things that would take place, and Peter overestimating his own strength, boasted that he would never forsake the Lord; He would even die for Him. But when the awful night came he failed so miserably —but wept bitter tears of repentance— so manfully. And then just a little while before the ascension Jesus took Peter and asked him so carefully three times if he loved Him more than he loved the old life, and companions and the fishing business. Each time Peter affirmed that he did.

But there is another side. It was Peter who was always among the chosen three who seemed to be closest to the Lord and who were with Jesus alone on so many occasions. It was Peter who, at least, tried to walk on the water. It was Peter who drew his sword in defense of Jesus that night in the garden. And Peter whom Jesus addressed personally when He taught them about the Church He was to build. Peter was one of the first at the tomb, *except the women*. Peter preached the Pentecostal sermon, proclaimed healing to the lame man at the gate Beautiful, and who carried the message to Cornelius' house. And it was Peter whose shadow fell on the sick and healed them as he walked down the street of Jerusalem. There is nothing human about these things, is there?

I just mention these events so that we may have more clearly in mind some of the things our author went through before he wrote the admonitions that we are considering, in his second epistle. In fact, many years had passed and Peter was near the end of his earthly career, because he mentions in the fourteenth verse that he must soon "put off this earthly tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me," referring to the scene on the lake shore recorded in John 21:18.

And so I feel that Peter who lived such a long life of fruitful experience was well qualified to sit down and write instructions and advice to us and we will do well to carefully consider the things he has to say.

And now assuming that we have faith, Peter says, ADD:

a. Virtue. We usually think of virtue as meaning clean or pure, but it means much more,—strength, courage, excellence; moral practice or action; conformity to the standard of right; moral excellence; integrity of character; manly strength or courage; valor. Bishop Butler says, "Virtue is not to be considered in the light of mere innocence, or abstaining from harm, but as the exertion of our faculties for doing good.

By these definitions we see that Peter is demanding not only a high standard of morality but also that we should move out boldly and with all our strength into the work. Why? Because faith without works is dead. Paul also has the same thought in mind when he writes to Timothy and says, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

b. Knowledge. One of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:8).

Familiarity gained by actual experience; practical skill; technical acquaintance. We may have memorized many scriptures, studied many rules, and listened to valuable lectures as to Christian work, but not until we have learned by a long period of actual experience will we gain the knowledge that Peter is writing about.

c. Temperance. Moderation of action; self-control; self-restraint; calmness. Bodily self-control in all manner of conduct and living.

Isn't it true that we see many people, good people, Christian people, sadly in need of this temperance, in speech, in conduct, in dress and in many other things?

We have been inclined to think of temperance as a moderate use of liquor. But for the Christian it means far more than that. In fact, the use of liquor is foreign to the child of God. But Peter here is talking about a self-restraint which touches every moment of our life. Paul exemplifies this in Romans 14:21: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

d. Godliness. My, we thought one was godly when he was converted. But here a way down the list Peter names godliness.

Godliness is careful observance of or conformity to the laws of God. Paul says, 1 Tim. 4:8, "Godliness is profitable unto all things." Isn't it true that two people may live along side by side, seemingly having the same opportunities, the same handicaps and hindrances, etc.? They may both sing, pray and testify, and still one outdistances the other in the Christian race. The one may seem just ordinary and formal and the other radiates a reality of the very presence of God in his life.

e. Brotherly kindness. Brotherly: Kind; affectionate; tender. "Brotherly" often connotes more warmth of feeling or intimacy of feeling than "fraternal."

Kindness: Mildness; gentleness.

The inspired writer says, "Even as a

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Editorially Speaking

God's Salvation THE poem used as an insert on this page was written by A. M. Millard, a member of the Church of God in Largo, Florida, who has just celebrated his ninety-first birthday. The occasion attracted considerable attention on the Florida West Coast, and the editor of the Largo paper gave a rather detailed account of his life.

Brother Millard was born in Scranton, Pa., in 1851, where he lived during his early boyhood. At the age of twelve, his father moved to a farm forty miles north of Scranton, where he lived during the remaining part of the Civil War, incidents of which he can remember a great deal about.

After Brother Millard was married he moved to New York where he opened stores for the Grand Union Tea Company. After a twenty-four years' stay, according to the newspaper account, he moved to Iowa where he was general manager in the state for the Spirella Company. It was there that he accumulated a considerable fortune and retired from active business. In 1926 he came to Florida. During the boom which was then on, he invested his money there, only to find that after the boom was over he was relatively a poor man.

But after having lived a life rich in material things, only to see them melt away as the mist before the morning sun, Brother Millard continues to live happily because that even though the things which were natural have flown, there is a supernatural something that he has been able to hold to, and at the age of ninety-one he can bask in God's salvation and realize the fulness of its realities which did not slump in the aftermath of the Florida boom.

Brother Millard is in good health, alert, and, according to the Largo paper, has a keen sense of humor. The Largo church is proud of its member of ninety-one years, and the pastor sends the clipping from the Largo newspaper editorials to this office. May God give Brother Millard many more years of pleasure, happiness, and useful service.

GOD'S SALVATION TO US

A. M. Millard

The Church of God is my delight,
Where Jesus taught me to live right;
He shed His blood upon the tree,
Salvation now is full and free.

Hallelujah, praise His name!
From heaven free salvation came.
How sweet the name of Jesus sounds,
When in our hearts His love abounds.

Seek God and get within the fold,
Have joys up there that are untold;
With angels of that mighty host,
Sing Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Dear friends, I pray you taste and see,
Of living waters flowing free;
Enjoy the life that has no death;
In Jesus' arms forever rest.

I am so happy all the day,
Since Jesus taught me how to pray.
Oh, will you choose Him for your guide,
And never leave His bleeding side?

Oh praise the Lord, who reigns on high,
Seek Jesus dear, and never die;
Proclaim His name before the host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Plagiarism THE morning mail brought us a post card which reads as follows:

"I enjoyed the article by ——— entitled ———, but I had previously read the same sermon, word for word, by its author, Dr. ———. I think it should be called to your attention that this is not the first time within several months that ——— have borrowed the other man's sermon without stating thus. As you well know this is what is called 'plagiarism.' I think Church of God ministers should be warned of this unfairness, and all other results following such a practice.—A well-wisher."

The editor of the Church of God Evangel has no way of telling whether or not articles sent in for publication are original. It is believed that most all of our writers are original or in quoting others give due recognition to the parties or works from which such quotations are made. We fully share the belief of "Well-wisher" in this matter.

The word "plagiarism" means "to steal or purloin and pass off as one's own (the ideas, words, writings, etc., of another)." *Webster*. To be sure those who would quote from others and pass it off as their own document would not think of it as being placed in this class, nevertheless that is the truth. Writers should, therefore, give the due consideration to those who are in the same field of endeavor.

New Church Buildings "WASHINGTON, D. C. (R. N. S.)—The construction of new church buildings will be halted for the duration of the war, under terms of a new production board order, but certain exceptions may be made to meet cases of extreme need.

"The order, L-41, is a general order limiting all non-essential construction, and will be issued shortly, as soon as administrative details are worked out and approved by the War Production Board. This order has been in the W. P. D. mill for sometime, and has been undergoing changes to meet the conditions. Currently, construction has been going forward on the basis of a statement issued sometime ago by Donald M. Nelson, now chairman of the War Production Board, that construction projects which did not require the use of critical materials or where priorities were not necessary, could go on as before.

"However, the situation has changed considerably since that time, with the result that at the present time virtually all construction material, including nails and simple building hardware, is classed as scarce material. Lumber, cement and glass are readily available materials and do not require priorities at the present time."

With the great expansion and rapid building program of the Church of God as it has existed in the past few years, this order as passed will give the Church a considerable setback in its building program. But Church of God people are lawabiding people and will do everything within their power to conform strictly to any order that is put out by our Government, that does not interfere with their service to God, and it is not the thought of any part of the management or authority of the Church that such an order shall be given. Building programs should not be scrapped but should be planned as though they were to be executed in the near future. At the same time the financial program for taking care of these projects can go

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The National Association of Evangelicals For United Action

BY E. L. SIMMONS

A great convention in which approximately twenty-seven different denominations were represented, was convened at the Hotel Coronado in St. Louis, Mo., April 7-9, to consider ways and means of organizing for just and legitimate representation of those Protestant churches which are opposed to modernism and stick strictly to the fundamental principles of the gospel of Christ.

The convention was called in response to a list of one hundred and forty-nine leaders of Protestantism which had expressed such a desire for meeting.

It was clearly set forth in keynote addresses on the convention floor in the first service, that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ did not represent fundamentalism and that it represented possibly less than ten per cent of the membership of organizations purported to be affiliated with it.

As was clearly pointed out, there is no representation in Washington or elsewhere in the United States of fundamental Protestantism and it was believed that for the sake of unity in dealing with matters which all Fundamentalists hold in common, that it would be better for Evangelical organizations to be associated in a common association for the purpose of representation in matters of evangelism, relations with the Government, national and local use of radios, public relations, the preservation of separation between church and state, Christian education, and freedom for foreign and home missions. To take it from a paragraph of tentative constitution ratified by those present at the convention, *The Purpose*: "Because of the widespread desire and need to promote action among the various evangelical groups as hereinafter defined, for purposes common to all who seek the advancement of the cause of Christ, this association is formed. The association shall be purely voluntary and operated democratically, its purpose at no time being to conflict with the functions, rights, or prerogatives of its member bodies (or members)."

In order to form this association, the representatives of the convention elected a nominating committee to bring in names of committeemen for three committees, five each: one on constitution and bylaws, one on statement of doctrine, and a third on policy. These were elected by the convention and made excellent drafts which were, with some amendments, accepted by the convention. After a tentative acceptance, the committee of fifteen, including all three committees, with ten more added, were appointed to join the brief reports together, making one report of constitution and bylaws, statement of doctrine, and policy. All of these, however, were to be in force only temporarily, giving delegates an equal right in a convention to be held in Chicago, on April 25, 1943.

The statement of doctrine as set forth by the committee is very interesting, showing on the part of all present, for its adoption was unanimous, that there was deep in the hearts of those who were steering away from modernism and holding to the unalterable Word of God, a desire for a closer life and walk with the Master and to see His cause greatly advanced. The statement was in part as follows:

"It shall be required that those holding membership shall subscribe to the following doctrine: 1. That we believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God. 2. That we believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 3. That we believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, and in His personal return in power and glory. 4. That the world being so exceedingly sinful, we believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration unto salvation by the Holy Spirit. 5. That we believe in the resurrection of both the just and unjust, of the righteous unto the resurrection of life and of the wicked unto the resurrection of damnation. 6. That we believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ."

These statements of doctrine being very broad are yet very definite and give leeway for all true Christians to work together in a cooperative way for the gospel of Christ to the salvation of souls, and yet in a way whereby all may be recognized.

The committee on policy provided that none of the acts of the St. Louis convention would be binding on a convention which was to be held one year hence, but that regional conventions would be held during the year at places centrally located: The New England and Middle Atlantic states, at New York; the Northern States, at Chicago; the Southern States, at Atlanta; Texas and adjoining states at Dallas; Northwestern States, at Pierre, S. Dak.; Pacific Northwest, at Seattle, Wash., and Pacific Southwest, at Carson City, Nev. The cause of these regional conventions was to present to the people the reasons for which the St. Louis convention was called. All members of the convention were urged to be present at the regional convention which was closest to their particular location.

The atmosphere of the St. Louis convention was nothing short of extremely pleasant. All delegates seemed to be clothed with humility and standing together for a common purpose. At least four of the general officials of the Assemblies of God were present, two of these serving on committees. Five representatives of the Church of God were present, one of which served on a committee. The General Superintendent of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, delegates of the Nazarene Holiness Church, and two delegates from the Congregational Methodist Church (which is also a holiness organization), were present. These holiness organizations were shown all the courtesy that was shown to the nominal denominations.

The devotional part of the convention was exceedingly rich. One chorus especially, which was sung over and over, was very elevating:

"Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me."

And it seemed as these words rang through the auditorium of the Hotel Coronado, that each delegate was looking up expecting the Spirit of God to come. When one speaker was making a very passionate plea for the needs of Christianity, the pastor of the First Baptist Church in a certain Western city said, "Brother, we need Pentecost re-enacted." And such was the spirit that seemed to catch from heart to heart. Prayers went up to God, asking Him to let the Spirit of God fall fresh, that they might receive a fresh baptism with the Holy Ghost and that the day of Pentecost might be re-enacted in the church. Not once was there shown any sign of denominational prejudice. Not once was there shown any desire to debate questionable doctrine or to enforce one's belief upon another, but the cardinal doctrines of justification by faith, the divinity of Christ, His second coming, etc., were greatly stressed and yet a de-

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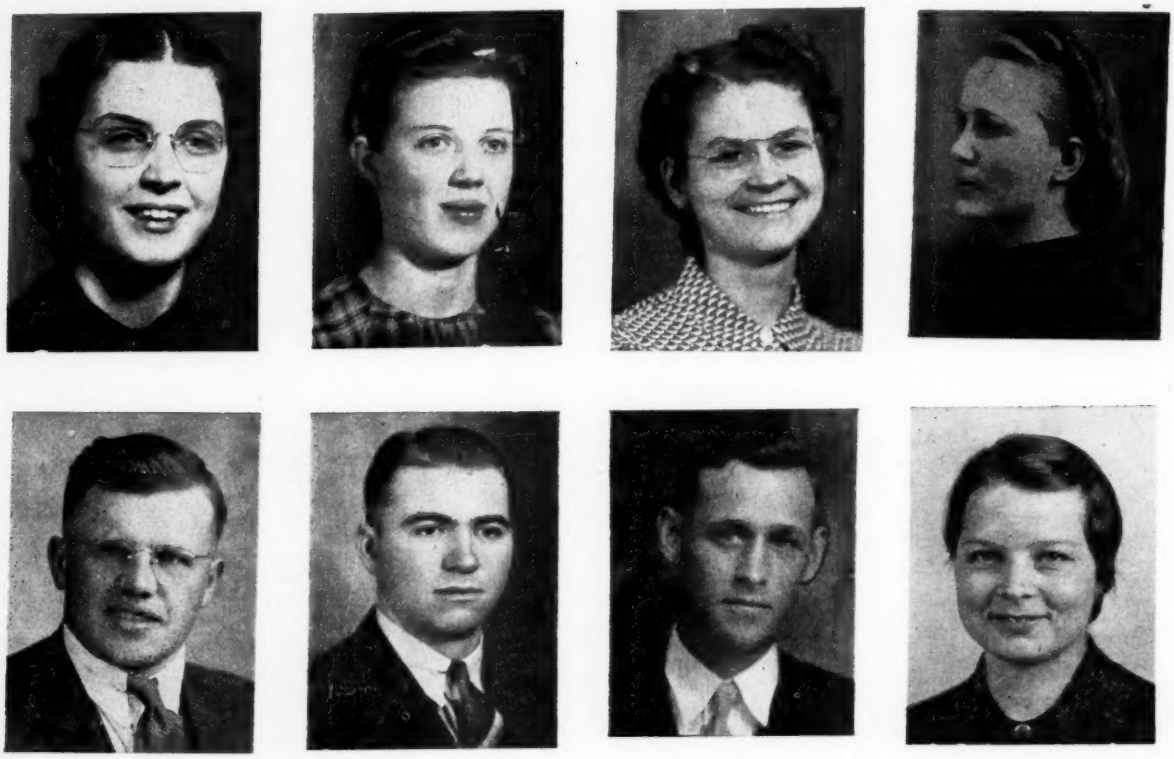
1941-42 Graduates of Northwest Bible & Music Academy



Top row, left to right: June Becker, Vivian Becker, Adeline Hawkinson, Irene Jordeth. Bottom row, left to right: John Daffe, Herman Liab, Clarence Swanson, Ruby Thompson. Not pictured: Edward Yecha.

The Northwest Bible and Music Academy closed its term of school March 20 at Lemmon, S. Dak., which was the best in many ways in the seven-year history of the school. The school closed free of debt. Nine seniors graduated, which composed the 1942 class, they having completed the three years' course that is required. About twenty of the students left at the close of the school for the work of the Lord in the great Northwest.

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The Lemmon District Convention

The Lemmon district convention was held in connection with the closing of the school term. A record attendance of over 300 delegates and friends from seven states was there. A mission offering of $200.00 in cash, besides pledges, was received, which more than doubled that of last year.

Visiting ministers were there from several states including Rev. J. H. Walker, our General Overseer, who blessed our hearts with his fine singing and messages from God's Holy Word. He preached three times on Sunday. Rev. John Sharp, overseer of Montana, and Rev. Hill, pastor at Bigtimber, Montana, were there. Then, of course, all the preachers from the two Dakotas were there. Mr. Holmes, manager of the J. C. Penny store in Lemmon, spoke as a Christian business man, which encouraged us very much and made us know that it is still possible to be a real Christian and be a success in business too.

The people of the Northwest surely do love and appreciate our General Overseer and all of the general officials in the Church.

The music was excellent, both the congregational and the specials. Many quartets were there to bring us heartsearching messages in song. Among them were the Montana Quartet, Dakota Girls, Klaudt Trio, Wahpeton Quartet, and the Montana Singers.

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Northwest Camp Meeting

Plans for the Northwest camp meeting were discussed, and if our spirituality comes up to the talent that will be with us to help us make this camp meeting the greatest yet, we will not be disappointed.

Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer, will be one of our camp speakers. Rev. Paul H. Walker, former state overseer, Rev. E. M. Ellis, overseer of North Carolina, and others whom we could name will appear at this holy convocation.

Vacation time, if spent in the Northwest camp meeting, will be the greatest time you have ever had, we are sure. Begin now to make plans to be here June 25 to July 5, 1942, in Minot. There is plenty of room on the ten-acre Church of God campgrounds, the heart of the Northwest. "Why not Minot?"

To see the tears of the parting students made one to say, "Behold, how they love one another." But as they looked over and discussed plans to attend the school next fall, which begins its term Oct. 26, at 9:00 a. m., for another five-month period, their hearts were made glad to know that it would be possible to attend the academy for as little as $110.00 even amid rising prices on every hand.—Lemuell Johnson, Box 1894, Minot, N. Dak.

Foreign Missions

GOOD NEWS FROM BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

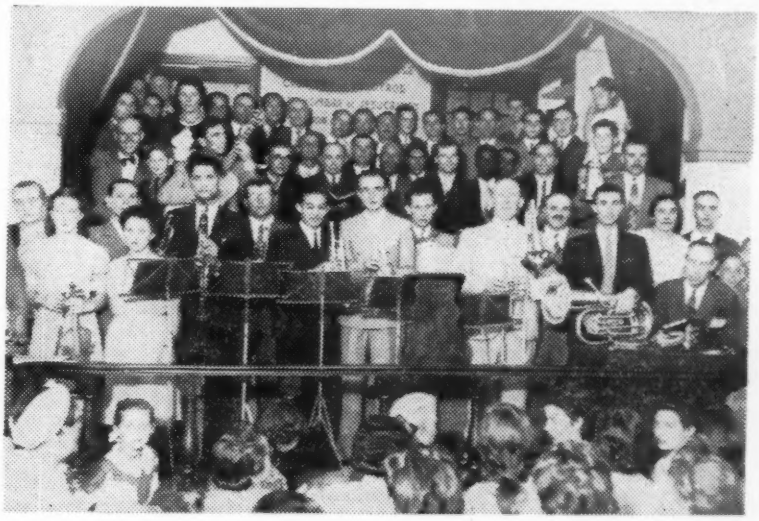
By J. H. Ingram

The Spanish name "Buenos Aires" means "good air" and is very appropriate since this great metropolis of the Southern Hemisphere enjoys the distinction of being situated in a healthful clime and moreover, has lately become the headquarters for the Church of God mission work in South America. Buenos Aires is one place where our people live in the real atmosphere of heaven, old-time Pentecostal blessings, not as yet affected by any "wind of doctrine" contrary to the truth. The heavenly breezes blow until they reach cyclone proportions at times, as a "mighty rushing wind" like on the day of Pentecost.

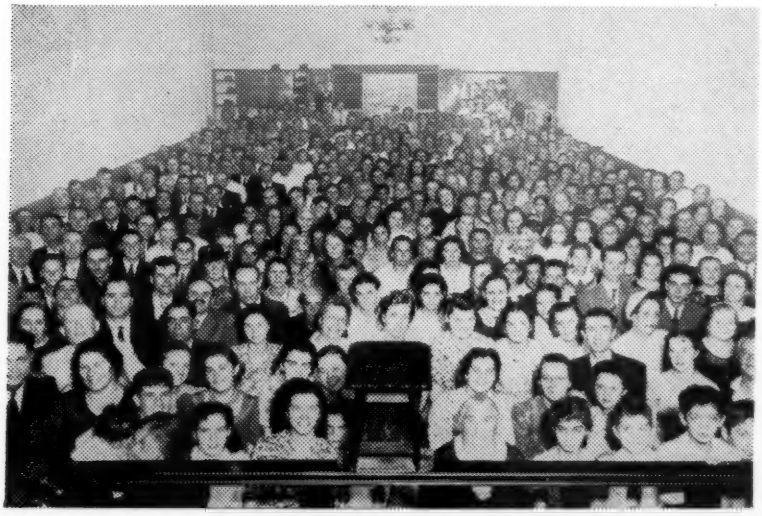
During our first tour of Argentina we took over a dozen congregations with a total membership of 450, now we have twenty-one branches with 716 members. There were about a hundred saved during our recent five-week tour of the work there and some received the Holy Ghost baptism. We left the counting of heads to the various secretaries, being so occupied otherwise.

Of the twenty branch churches (twenty-one with central station), there is only one building that we have to pay rent on. All our churches were crowded and on Sundays the general fellowship meeting at the central church was a climax to the week's feast of good things enjoyed throughout the movement.

Our main problem has been seating room for the crowds that came, especially on Sundays, but through faith in God we have started the construction of the largest and nicest church building in the entire Church of God movement. We are building in, around and over the old church, so it may be used for services until the other roof is on. Nine of our churches are located in the federal capital and the rest are scattered through the Province of Buenos Aires. We are getting some help from Headquarters, naturally, since this is the biggest mission venture in the history of the Church, proportionately, and is destined to become the center of our missionary activities in the neighboring continent. However, this great work is largely being made possible through the tremendous sacrifice of our loyal workers and members. For example, all our workers donate their time as a love service and nothing is ever said about offerings in local churches, but when Sunday rolls around they bring or send all their tithes and offerings to the central church, enabling us to put on one of the largest building programs known to modern missions.



The Buenos Aires choir, Brother Ingram seated.



A regular Sunday night crowd at headquarters church, Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.

This article should be the last of a series of writings covering our recent Latin American mission tour, but we thought our people would appreciate this bit of news from Buenos Aires, since that city is the center of our South American mission activity. Buenos Aires is the capital of the Republic of Argentina and the chief city of the province bearing the same name. It is the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world and sixth (?) among all others, having a population of about two and one-half millions. The

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Weekly Question Box

Question: Will you please explain Matt. 24:19, 20? Just what is this woe that shall come upon the people, and what is meant by "pray that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath"?—*R. J.*

Answer: One verse from the 24th chapter of St. Matthew, picked out from the middle of the chapter, cannot be explained by itself. In order to properly understand this chapter one must read the introduction. In the 2d verse of chapter 24 Jesus said, "See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Later on, according to this narrative, the apostles came to Jesus and said, verse 3, "Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" The first part of the question was "Tell us when shall these things be?" that is, "When shall all these stones be thrown down?" Then Jesus answered their question and the threefold answer was given because the question was threefold.

The first part of the question referred altogether to the destruction of Jerusalem, which took place under Titus in the year A. D. 70. A woe was passed upon women with nursing children because they would be unable to flee to the mountains and get away from the hordes of Roman soldiers. A Sabbath's day journey was a journey only in the immediate vicinity of where one lived. "Therefore," He said, "pray that your flight be not on the sabbath day," because they would not have a sufficient distance in the Sabbath day's journey to be safe.

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Question: Science says that the earth revolves, but Joshua says, (10:12, 13) that the sun stood still for one day. Also, the New Testament speaks of the rising and setting of the sun. Will you please explain?—*L. E. S.*

Answer: There can be no contradiction of science and the Bible because science is knowledge or to know. The Word of God is truth, therefore, since science is truth and the Word of God is truth, there must be an agreement. From all appearance to us, the sun moves and it must be remembered that the Word of God was clothed in the language of the people. Though for many years it has become common knowledge that the earth is round and that it revolves, the language of the people still is that the sun rises and the sun sets. There has been no change in the manner of statement. But even though there are few people that know it, the Bible says the earth is round. Read from Isa. 40:21, 22. "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? it is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." The earth would have to be round for God to sit upon the circle of it. It is true that Revelation 7 speaks of the four corners of the earth but this is merely an all-inclusive statement similar to the four quarters of the earth or all quarters of the earth or all parts of the earth. To this definition agrees Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Fifth Edition.

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Question: What can one do who doesn't see the light on the Holy Ghost as the third work of grace, even though he has prayed and prayed for the light and God has answered every other prayer but the one on this part?—*W. G. W.*

Answer: In order for one to see the light on any given doctrine, it is only necessary that he shall read the Word of God. The baptism with the Holy Ghost as a third work of grace is not taught in the Word of God. The Holy Ghost is pictured as a gift which Jesus said He would send if He went away. It is not a work of grace but an infilling of God's Spirit coming into a clean heart. Do you want light on this very important subject? Then read John 14:26; John 15:26; Acts 2; Acts 10; Acts 19. There are many other scriptures but these are sufficient. To read them without bias or prejudice will greatly help to clarify any question as to the reality of the experience of the baptism with the Holy Ghost and as for whom it is intended.

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Question: Please state why Jesus said Elias is already come. The disciples knowing that He spake of John the Baptist in Matt. 17:12, 13, they asked John in St. John 1:21, "Art thou Elias? and he said, I am not."—*J. F. K.*

Answer: It would seem from this question that the statement of Christ and of John the Baptist were contradictory, but in order to understand them it is necessary that one take into consideration all scriptures concerning this statement. God had said through the prophet Malachi (4:5), "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Thus the minds of the Jews had been charged with the thought that before even the coming of the Messiah there would be one to come and prepare the way for Him. The day of the Lord was referred to as the time when the Messiah should reign as King over Israel at Jerusalem. So the common thought was that there would be a reappearance of Elijah, after which Christ would set up His Kingdom, for John preached "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" and John did come as Elias, or Elijah, to prepare the way for Christ, and Christ came as king to accept the kingdom, but He was never more than a prince because He did not receive it. He was rejected of men and the kingdom was deferred, therefore Jesus said, in Matt. 11:14, speaking of John the Baptist, "And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come." But it was a fact that they did not receive it and because they did not receive it, neither did John become Elijah nor Christ become the King. Matt. 17:10 shows what the people were looking for: "His disciples asked him saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?" Then to show that all things were ready, if they had accepted Christ, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already." That is, all things were ready for Christ to receive the kingdom, had the people accepted Him as King. Practically the same statement is made in St. Mark 9:11-13. But to look at John's side of it, he was the simple, unassuming, retiring, humble prophet. "Are you Elijah?" they asked. "I am not," he said. He was John the Baptist but he came in the spirit of Elijah and could have been that forerunning prophet. "Art thou that prophet (meaning Christ)?" again they asked. He said, "No." This shows the humility of John the Baptist though it is no denial that he came in the spirit of the forerunner Elijah to prepare the kingdom which was deferred because of the rejection of Christ.

Good Revival

CUMBERLAND, Ky.—A very good revival conducted by Evangelist Lawrence Gibson, of Eldorado, Ill., has recently closed at the Church of God at Cumberland. The meeting lasted for five weeks. Fine crowds attended throughout. Nine were saved, eight sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water and ten added to the church. We have a wonderful people here. We hope to have another meeting in May. Pray for us.—T. M. McClendon, pastor.

Delkograms

D. H. Delk

New Timber

"A row of new timber," Ezra 6:4.

The word "timber" here means "upright supports," for firmness, ability and stickability; it means "new material."

I hope by now all the old members have been renewed, and are new from head to foot, so we can launch out into the deep and get some new fish, some new timber.

Lest I forget, I want to thank God for every old member that is still new, and we pastors should be very kind and patient to backsliders; but surely God doesn't want us to waste a year or two on a perpetual in and out, up and down backslider.

One woman said that she and her husband got religion every year, but somehow it just flickered out. Let's catch some new ones, with new life and zeal.

Dear old Brother Ellis told me once that he'd rather have one new one filled with zeal than six after they cooled off and learned better.

I heard of a locomotive stopping, and someone asked if it was out of water. The answer was, "No, it has plenty of water but it's not boiling."

Renew and stir up the gift of God to a flame, Brother Preacher. "The night cometh." Many a great preacher has lost his attraction because he won't pay the price of renewal.

To gain new members, that are good timber won't just happen; it will take work, fasting, prayer, liberality, travail, etc., to get some that won't waver and zigzag.

A fellow in an insane asylum was told to write his folks that he would be out in three weeks. After he licked his stamp he dropped it squarely on a cockroach, and when he looked for his stamp he saw it zigzagging about. At once he tore up his letter saying, "I'll not be out of here in three months."

Be patient, pastor, don't pull your hair out, if it has not already come out, over zigzagging members.

Oh, it might be easy to get some handshakers, but when you need them they take labor and sweat to see some get the will be "seventh-day absentists." It will new birth, but they are not likely to make crawfish or jellyfish, nor suckers either.

Praise God, I can feel the renewing power now.

"As soon as Zion travailed (writhed in pain, agony) she brought forth her children," Isa. 66:8. The Church in travail for newborn souls has to fast, pray, suffer, and sacrifice, but when shouts from newborn souls begin to arise, we forget all the toil, and rejoice with the angels. Read John 16:20, 21.

Unity will get the new timber, material, members. "The new wine is in the cluster," Isa. 65:8. "Cluster" means to bunch together, a united group, or band. On the day of Pentecost they were in the cluster, and soon it was said, "These men are filled with new wine." Peter was renewed and stopped the zigzagging, and became new timber, an unmovable pillar in the Church of God, and some of his last words were that he was looking for new heavens and a new earth.

Jimmie asked the question, "How do they get the water in the watermelon?" and Mary says, "By planting them in the spring." It's springtime now, and high time to go forth with tears, sowing seed, so we can be sure to return with sheaves and great rejoicing.

"All my springs are in thee." If all our fountains, resources, and springs are in the Lord, let's visit them daily. O Lord, help us through your springs, to spring up this spring.

May God renew, recharge, revive, refill, etc., every one that takes time to read Delkograms. I don't expect to set the world on fire, but I would love to start a little blaze in your heart. Read Jer. 20:9. "Brethren, pray for us."

Rally Day at Terre Haute, Ind.

The Church of God at Terre Haute, Ind., met for its annual rally March 22 in celebration of its fourth anniversary.

Morning services began with songs and prayer. Regular Sunday school procedure followed, in which there was good interest and attendance.

Our esteemed state overseer, Rev. H. R. Corley, delivered an inspiring message. Remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. Floyd Standifer, then adjournment for a delicious, bountiful basket dinner at a near-by restaurant. This appropriate convenience was donated to the church through the courtesy of Mrs. Edwards.

After dinner the photographers took a picture of the entire group assembled before the church building. The services opened with songs and prayer. Special music was rendered by the Terre Haute quartet. A song, which was sung by the girls' trio, was dedicated to the mothers. The financial report was given by Brother Paul Norris, which revealed every department a hundred per cent. Visiting ministers and officials gave testimonies in behalf of the pastor and his services in the church since its dedication. Response was given by the pastor, Brother Floyd Standifer, in which he expressed his appreciation of every effort and the cooperation that had made the church possible.

A brief history of the work in Indiana was given by Rev. C. H. Standifer, who held the first revival in the church at Terre Haute and set it in order with twenty-four members. The enrollment is now forty-five.

The Sunday school superintendent and Y. P. E. president, Rev. Ivan Stone, and his bride were presented a pretty wedding gift in congratulation of their recent marriage.

The main purpose of this rally was to secure money and pledges for the purchase of the church building in which we are now located.

The Lord was surely in this part of the service too, because in cash there was $209.65 given and $116 in pledges to be paid within the next three months. With the $135 cash on hand, we had the grand total of $460.65 for a down payment on the principal.

The Lord abundantly blessed throughout the day and all present reported having a good time. Pray for the future success of the church in Terre Haute, Ind.—Thelma L. Bridwell, secretary.

Lenoir, N. C., District Y. P. E. and Sunday School Convention

The Lenoir district Y. P. E. and Sunday school convention convened March 28, 29, at Hickory, N. C., with Rev. Ralph Williams, state superintendent, in charge. The Lord met with us throughout the convention. Most all the ministers on the district were on the program for a five-minute talk pertaining to the Y. P. E. and Sunday school work. Each speaker seemed to be at his best.

Brother Padgett, the local pastor, made us all feel welcome. The singers were at their best. My, how the power of God would fall and such shouting and dancing and praising God. Good reports came in from the various churches. Our state superintendent spoke near the noon hour regarding our orphan children. Then a chance was given for an offering. You should have seen the people give to this worthy cause. One brother gave what money he had, then gave his watch. It brought fifteen dollars. One lady gave a bedspread which brought twenty dollars.

After the offering was taken lunch was spread. While this was being done the offering was counted, which amounted to $371.52, so far the largest offering in the State. Brother Lemons, our good district pastor, said this is our natural gait on Lenoir district. After lunch we gathered for another spiritual feast. We were favored by having visitors from other districts with us. We appreciated having them.—Morris Wiggins, reporter, Box 393, Valdese, N. C.

Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

God to heal the body and mind of a very dear friend; the salvation and healing of another friend.—Hazel Daniel, McCrory, Ark.

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God to heal my mother who had a stroke and is very weak and nervous.—Mrs. W. C. Graham, Chiefland, Fla.

—R—

The healing of my badly afflicted body, I have a severe hurting in my side and back.—Mrs. Cora Kelley, Rome, Ga.

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The healing of Mrs. Allie Joe Clark; God to heal my body.—Mrs. Lucy Snyder, Trenton, Ga.

—R—

The healing of my heart with which I have bad spells.—Mrs. C. J. Dunn, c|o Washington Mfg. Co., Tennille, Ga.

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God to touch and completely heal my afflicted body; my daughter to be healed. —Mrs. Nora Jackson, 1520 Caswell Pl., West Durham, N. C.

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The healing of my nephew in the hospital; me to be healed.—Mrs. J. Rome Lee, Fayette, Ala.

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My daughter, Laura, and me to be healed.—Mrs. Lillian Kinsey, 1527½ 9th St., Santa Monica, Calif.

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The healing of my wife of a severe hurting through the lower part of her abdomen and back, her temperature is very high and she seems to be in a critical condition.—Rev. C. A. James, Box 94, Jasper, Tex.

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Me to be healed of ulcers.—Mrs. Loony Morrison, Rt. 1, Whitwell, Tenn.

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The healing of my body, I have been sick four months.—W. M. Simpson, Rt. 1, Cozaddale, Ohio.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Dovie Dobbins, Rt. 5, Boaz, Ala.

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The healing of my body.—Mrs. Nancy Gilliland, Rt. 5, Boaz, Ala.

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My mother-in-law, Mrs. Cassie Garrett, Alpine, Tenn., to be healed of muscular rheumatism.—A daughter-in-law, Helen, W. Va.

—R—

My body to be healed; two nephews to be healed.—Mrs. Annie McKelvin, 808 Glausier St., Pelham, Ga.

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God to completely heal my body.—Mrs. Agnes Tuley, Dudley, Mo.

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The healing of my body, I am very sick with high blood pressure, chills and fever and my heart.—John Jones, c|o L. H. Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 357-A, Rayville, La.

—R—

The healing of my daughter. — Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Lithia, Fla.

—R—

Brother Harold Moody to be healed of a bad affliction which he has had over twenty years.—The Terre Haute, Ind., Y. P. E.

—R—

The healing of my daddy who is in the hospital, the doctor said he is dying and he is unsaved.—Louise Martin, Lebanon, Tenn.

—R—

My son to be healed of severe stomach trouble; the healing of my foot and ankle, I can't walk.—Mrs. S. J. Belcher, Shrewsbury, W. Va.

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The healing of a very dear friend, Mrs. O. L. Bethune, Phenix City, Ala.; the healing of my body.—Myrtle Davis, Rt. 3, Guntersville, Ala.

—R—

The healing of H. Y. Prime, Statenville, Ga., he is in a bad condition; unspoken request.—Mrs. Ada Hunter, Rt. 1, Box 35, Haylow, Ga.

— R —

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. T. T. Henley, Shaw, Miss.

— R —

The complete healing of my body, I have been sick seven weeks.—Martha Gentry, 31 Head Ave., Tallapoosa, Ga.

—R—

The healing of my stomach and nerves. —Bessie L. Swank, Rt. 2, Somerset, Pa.

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God to undertake in behalf of my husband.—Mrs. F. R. M., Los Angeles, Calif.

—R—

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and kidney trouble.—Mrs. Elisbeth Faw, Rt. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.

—R—

A. F. Wilson, Wilmington, N. C., who has had an operation and is back home but not at all well, to be healed.

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The healing of a very precious Christian boy, Brown Thompson, he has been sick six years and can't walk.—Rushey Johnson and Elizabeth Combs, Gays Creek, Ky.

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The complete healing of my body, I choke nearly all the time and at times I am numb and my heart seems to just barely beat, I also have other ailments which the Lord knows about.—A sister, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Tenn.

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The Lord to heal my body; my father and mother.—Ada Helton, Rt. 2, Greeneville, Tenn.

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The Lord to heal my body, I smother and can hardly breathe and my feet and legs swell.—Ethel Houston, c|o Tom Miller, Rt. 3, Box 376, Osceola, Ark.

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The healing of my body of heart trouble, sometimes it seems I can't live much longer.—Mrs. Carl Gentle, Rt. 3, Scottsboro, Ala.

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The healing of my eyes, I am nearsighted.—George W. Knight, Moultrie, Ga.

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The healing of my body, I suffer much from tumor, sinus trouble, high blood pressure, the doctors think it is necessary to operate; the healing of my baby.—Mrs. Myrtle Dye, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

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God to strengthen my body, I have had two operations.—Cordelia Niblett, Tishomingo, Okla.

—R—

The saving and healing of my precious daughter of serious kidney poison, she surely needs your prayers.—Mrs. R. L. Holbrook, Wheelwright, Ky.

—R—

The healing of our daughter and her baby; our son who is in the U. S. Army Air Corps; us.—Charles and Estelle Shope.

Thankful For Cartersville Church

CARTERSVILLE, Ga.—I praise God for our church here at Cartersville. I thank God for our good pastor. I know he is a real man of God. I also thank God for his sweet wife and two children. Pray that the Lord will help us in this town. We need your prayers. There are men and women here who need God. Pray that He will give us a good revival.—Mrs. Lillie Thaker, Rt. 3.

Reports from the Field

Princeton, W. Va., Dist. Convention

The Princeton, W. Va., district convention of the Church of God convened March 27-29 at Princeton, W. Va., with Brother B. L. Hicks, state overseer, and Brother T. J. Meade, district overseer, in charge.

Speakers of the convention were Brothers B. L. Hicks, L. H. Hollingsworth, V. W. Thomas and Ben Woodring.

Saturday afternoon the L. W. W. B. gave a very interesting program.

Sunday morning we heard a very interesting talk on the Sunday school by our state superintendent, Brother Cecil Bridges. Brother Hicks preached on missions, and an offering was received which amounted to $265.00.

We praise the Lord for this convention because we know He was there in every service. Pray for us that we will continue to work for Him and be ready for His soon coming.—C. J. Norris, convention clerk, Matoaka, W. Va.

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Soldier Enjoys Visit to Carlsbad Church

I am a soldier in the U. S. Army and also a soldier in the army of the Lord. I am stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

For about four months I looked around for a Church of God close to the fort here, but failed to find one. Mother finally sent me the Church of God Minutes and I saw that the closest church would be in New Mexico. So I wrote to the church clerk of the church there and they invited me to come up and visit their church. Easter Sunday they were going to have all-day services so I decided to visit them then.

I never went to another church which had more love in their midst than the one there at Carlsbad, New Mexico. They made me feel welcome right from the start. I felt just as welcome as I would have if I had been at my home church, which is at East Alton, Ill.

The church there was honored that day by the presence of Rev. H. E. Ramsey, state overseer of New Mexico. A finer, more wonderful man of God I don't believe I have ever met than Brother Ramsey. I believe in my heart that Brother Ramsey has the work of the state and the work of the Lord before everything in his heart and mind. He seems to put everything he has in the work, even his money.

Sunday morning the house was filled and we had a good song service. I could feel the presence of Jesus and the sweet Holy Ghost right from the start. No one got to preach Sunday morning because the convicting power was so strong that Brother Ramsey said he wanted to go according to the leading of the Spirit. He gave an altar call. The altar was full and several got saved. The convicting power was present in our midst all during the day services and the evening service.

After the morning service Brother Ramsey took the orphanage offering. He did exceptionally well for the crowd that was there. He got twenty dollars. I think that was a very good offering.

We had a good afternoon service and evening service. The presence of Jesus was in our midst at all times. Brother Ramsey preached a wonderful sermon in the evening service. Brother B. A. Ratchford is the pastor of the church there at Carlsbad. I found Brother Ratchford a humble and wonderful man of God, too.

I can say that during my visit there I felt welcome and enjoyed the presence of Jesus. This much I say, too, that the Church of God at Carlsbad is on fire for God.—Pvt. Edwin Wooden, Det. Med. Deut., Station Hospital, Fort Bliss, Tex.

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A Good Report

Just a word of praise for what the Lord is doing for us here at Carbon Hill, Ala.

The devil said about two or three years ago that the Lord had withdrawn His Spirit from Carbon Hill, but that was one of his lies because people are still getting saved; we have seekers in the altar almost every service.

We thank the Lord for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister W. E. Crider, and their little granddaughter, for you ought to hear her play a piano and sing. They are a real blessing to our church and town and we love them.

We have a good L. W. W. B. and Sunday school with from seventy-five to one hundred two in attendance. March 8 we had one lady in Sunday school for the first time in forty-four years, one for the first time in ten years, and one man who didn't know how long it had been since he attended Sunday school, so we made them a present of a picture. You can see the Lord is blessing. Our Sunday school is buying a piano. One class got over $11.00 one Sunday and the total collection for all was $17.60. Just keep praying for us that the Lord will hold us up and that this will be the greatest year for the Church of God at Carbon Hill. — Frank Pair, clerk.

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From One in the Army

Stark General Hospital
Charleston, South Carolina
April 10, 1942

Church of God Publishing House,
Evangel Department
Cleveland, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ:

I, a young Church of God minister, am stationed at The Stark General Hospital, now that I am in the Army.

I am from near Hickory, N. C., and belong to the Church of God at Isaac Creek, Granite Falls, N. C., Route 1.

I was inducted into the U. S. Army November 28, 1941, at Fort Bragg, N. C., and was assigned to the Medical Department. I took all basic training at that station and at Camp Lee, Virginia.

I wish to speak a good word about the way all the officers and enlisted men treat ministers such as I in the service. All are very nice to me, and treat me with respect and reverence.

Of all stations that I have been assigned to, I like this one best, and my duty here is work in the library.

Pray for me to be faithful.

May God bless you all,
Pvt. Troy P. Lail.

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Truly we praise the Lord for the goodness, mercy and love He has bestowed on us at Sunnyside, Ala., church. We all love Brother Tackett and family for their faithful efforts put forth for the Lord in our community. There is love and unity among the saints and all are working together for God. We have completed our church and have built a new parsonage, also have a piano for our church. God is blessing in every department of our church work. Our Y. P. E. is doing a great work. In our last Saturday night Y. P. E. service four went to the altar. Our L. W. W. B. is doing a good work in helping finance our building program. Our Sunday school is growing in number. We had one hundred and thirty-four in attendance last Sunday.

We are thankful that the Lord saw fit and it was so arranged that the district Y. P. E. and Sunday school convention was held at Sunnyside. There was a revival spirit during the convention; hearts were touched and seekers came and sought the Lord. Our state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent was with us, also our district pastor and other ministers from different churches on the district. The Lord blessed in a great way when our mission offering was taken. People were made to see the need of carrying the gospel to other nations. Our

people did not forget our orphans and a nice offering was given for that cause. The revival spirit continued throughout the convention and throughout a revival following the convention, conducted by Brother Claude Gossett, of Decatur, Ala., in which twenty were saved, fourteen sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen baptized in water and thirteen added to the church. We love Brother and Sister Gossett and hope to have them with us again in the near future. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless.—Alice Byrd, Rt. 2, Tuscumbia, Ala.

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Richmond, Va., Convention

It is impossible to find words to describe the beautiful spirit and manner in which the Richmond convention was conducted from the beginning to the ending.

Opening of the convention was conducted by the state overseer, Brother W. E. Johnson. A hearty welcome to all was given by the district overseer, Brother T. O. Norris, and assistant district overseer, Brother George H. Mitchell.

We had sermons by Brother T. O. Dennis, Brother Morefield, of Bluefield, the state overseer, Brother W. E. Johnson, and Brother E. E. Vaught, of Norfolk.

Brother W. E. Johnson's message was on "Missions." It surely was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. All the churches of this district gave in wonderful reports. God is surely blessing them. The mission offering was $100. —Sister Ann Brown, Atlanta, Ga.

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WADESBORO, N. C.—We are glad to report good news from the church at Wadesboro, N. C., the Lord has been blessing and still is. Last Sunday we had home-coming and we can say that from the first service to the last we could feel the presence of the Lord. There was singing, shouting, and tears of joy. In the afternoon we took an offering to be applied on building or buying a parsonage. There was brought in about $326 for this purpose. Yes, it was of joy because every one had a part in it. The juniors of the Y. P. E. brought in profits from candy; the seniors brought in their part; the Willing Workers, the various members and our good brethren from the visiting churches also helped. The employees of one of the local mills gave us a donation of $67.00. We thank the Lord for all this. We had a number of our good ministers with us, including several of the former pastors of the local church.

Truly we can say with the psalmist, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Frank Petruccelli, pastor.

We were glad on the 15th day of March when Brother May, our state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, came for a Y. P. E. and Sunday school convention. We were made glad in our hearts all day and had a nice dinner on the ground. Many friends greeted one another and talked of the work of the Y. P. E. and Sunday school, and the evening service was an inspiration to our hearts. We had been having cottage prayer meetings for two weeks every night, begging Him to send us an evangelist, and when Brother May came he said the Lord had been talking to him about West Helena and he was led to begin a revival here on the night of the 15th of March. He began bombarding the devil and singing that good song, "I'm On the Battlefield for My Lord," and the Lord began to bless in a mighty way. The Lord gave us two souls the first night and one filled with the Holy Ghost.

The meeting ran two weeks. Seven were saved, one sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost. And that wasn't all, Brother A. Helms was healed of a severe head trouble. The Lord came down and blessed in a mighty way. The church was wonderfully strengthened and five were added to the church. Pray for us at West Helena, Ark.—Rev. William Roberson, pastor, 222 N. 2nd St., West Helena, Ark.

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Big Spring, Tex., District S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

The Big Spring, Tex., district Sunday school and Y. P. E. convention convened March 13-15 at Big Spring. Every service was greatly enjoyed. Friday night services opened with prayer and song, with our local pastor, Rev. T. M. White, our state superintendent, Rev. V. D. Hargraves, and our district Sunday school and Y. P. E. president, Sister Harvey Simms, in charge. Each Y. P. E. representative gave a report of his work. Special singing was enjoyed after which Brother Simms, pastor at Odessa, brought a stirring message.

God surely blessed in our Saturday night services. We had a good crowd of visitors and a number of good musicians and singers. A quartet, composed of Sister Edythe Aston, Rev. Hargraves, Rev. Pennington, and Rev. Hull, was enjoyed by everyone. Brother Pennington, pastor at Jal, N. Mex., brought a timely message, after which an altar call was given with three responding.

Sunday morning service was given to missions and orphanage. The report was given on our orphanage boxes which amounted to $55.00. Brother Dozier, pastor at Sweetwater, brought a message which was enjoyed. The White trio sang after which Brother Hargraves brought the morning message. This was a blessing and made each of us awaken to our responsibilities as watchmen or workers in the Church of God. A mission offering was taken amounting to $25.00.—Mrs. O. C. Gilbert, clerk, Big Spring, Tex.

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Hobby Collecting

Prov. 11:30, *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."*

Many people today, the young people in general and some of the older folks, have a hobby of some kind. Some folks like to play baseball, basketball, golf and other games. Some like to collect different kinds of stones, metals, stamps, etc.

I am twenty-two years old. I left my home at Acosta, Pa., on Jan. 6, 1942, to start to work for the Master who loved and gave Himself for me that I might be redeemed from all iniquity. Praise His dear name! I have found the most wonderful hobby in all the world—collecting souls for the upbuilding of the kingdom of heaven.

I was with Brother W. C. Byrd, state overseer of Louisiana, for two weeks, and I conducted revivals for five weeks myself. During the revivals I conducted there were thirteen saved, ten sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. I am determined by the help of God to continue to win souls for Christ as long as I live. I expect to work in Louisiana and probably some in Mississippi until the Assembly, God willing. I have met and visited many people in Mississippi and Louisiana and I do not think there are any better people in the world than there. Pray for me.—Kenneth Barbour; home address, Acosta, Pa.

THE LIGHTED PATHWAY

The progress of this young people's monthly has been phenomenal. Inquiries concerning it are coming in from all over the nation. Now is the time to get behind it. "Keep them going."

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Blue Diamond Moves Forward

Brother James T. Holman, formerly of Crescent Springs, came to Blue Diamond, Ky., in 1940.

We have always been thankful for our good pastors. Yes, Brother Dixon, Brother Bell, Brother Harrawood, Brother Fritz, Brother Holcomb, Brother Newton, and Brother Dunn, you have a place in our memory which we will never forget.

Brother Holman was a stranger to all of us when he came to Blue Diamond, Ky., but the Blue Diamond church saw at once that no better pastor could have been found.

Brother Holman, as usual, began to think of great things to do. He proved true the saying, "He can who thinks he can," and one of the first things accomplished was a good parsonage for the pastor and family and now it is paid for in full.

About two weeks ago the district convention was held here for the Hazard district. Brother Holman, as overseer of this district, had done his work so well that the mission offering for the district was $584.34. Blue Diamond church alone had an offering of $238.76.

The Holman family, from the oldest to the youngest, are great workers: Sister Holman, like the good Samaritan, is always visiting the sick, or with the Ladies' Willing Workers, or doing something for someone. And the children, too, are good workers. Even the baby, James, Jr., collected about $3.00 mission money with his pig bank. When he would asked for a dime to feed his pig, that meant he was going to have it before he would be satisfied.

Easter Sunday, after a good sermon by Brother Holman, we had a special offering for the Orphanage and collected $20.00 for them.

The Holman family is dearly loved by every one, both saint and sinner, and we, the members of Blue Diamond church, are thankful for them.—Willie T. Davis.

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ODESSA, Tex.—We thank and praise the Lord for what He is doing for us in Odessa. We thank Him for our district overseer, Rev. T. M. White, and for Brother and Sister H. L. Sims, who came here in December. They all went to work and with the help of a few saints here bought two lots and a church building unfinished.

Here will give us a chance to tell what a wonderful L. W. W. B. we have. They went to work and got enough material donated to finish the church building, which is very nice, and we thank God for it. As soon as the building was finished we had a four weeks' revival. Rev. T. M. White did the preaching. The result was a church set in order at the close of the revival, March 6, with eleven members and two of them were ministers. The Lord is truly blessing us in our work. I have never seen saints more eager to work for God. Since the last of February the L. W. W. B. has taken in and paid out over fifty dollars and by the help and grace of God we are going to do more. We are planning to have a parsonage on our lot soon.

We thank God for a good Sunday school, also for the Y. P. E. and for our pastor, Rev. H. L. Sims, and family. They are good workers.

We are starting a revival tonight. Rev. Pennington, of Jal, N. Mex., will be the evangelist. Pray for us that God will give us a real old time Pentecostal revival and continue to bless our church.—Mrs. Willie B. Digby, clerk.

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ALLIANCE, Ohio.—I am not ashamed that I cast my lot with the Church of God, but am glad I did so. We organized the church here on January 11, 1942, and are having good results. Brother Adrian Kirby, of Beech City, Ohio, is serving as our pastor at the present time. We are looking for the day to come when we will see a building put up in Alliance. We are few in number, but God is able. Please pray for us.

I am glad that I am saved, and the Lord has healed my body after being sick for two years. Doctors said there wasn't much hope for me, but thank God, I am healed.—Willard Eddy, 166 W. Ely St.

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The Church of God district convention, for the Knoxville, Tenn., district, convened at the North Knoxville church April 4 and 5, with Brother J. D. Wilson, district overseer, and Brother J. D. Bright, state overseer, in charge.

The welcome address was given by Brother Wilson, followed by short talks by C. M. Newman, Brother Price, and Claudie Taylor, and special singing by the Orphan Girls' Trio and an evangelistic message by Rev. Joel Stamper, of Middletown, Ohio. The altar call was responded to by several men and women seeking God in prayer.

Sunday morning a message was given by Brother Bright, on the subject, "Living for Others." This was a timely message and greatly enjoyed by all.

A mission offering was taken that afternoon, the total of which was $157.12. At 1:30 p. m. the report of each church on the district was given by the pastor. Each had a good report. Special singing was furnished by different trios between the reports.

We were glad to have the visitors from other places, but best of all the presence of God was there from the first service to the last. Several expressed their belief that this was the best district convention they had ever attended.—W. H. Huddleston, reporter.

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STATE ROAD, N. C.—I praise God for what He has meant to me this winter. My husband was taken sick and was unable to work. I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify to it, and He did. He wasn't out of work but about a week.

We are truly thankful for the way the Lord has blessed our church this year. We are few in number, but the Lord has blessed our efforts in a wonderful way. We are over the top with our aged ministers' and mission quotas, also our Evangel subscriptions.—Vallie Layell.

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ARCHIBALD, La.—I thank the Lord for what He means to me. I thank Him for the sweet Holy Ghost which abides in my soul. He has kept me over eight years.

We are proud of our pastor at Archibald. He and his family are certainly children of God. We haven't had a revival yet, but are praying that one will break out and lost souls will come to Jesus. I know God is calling for volunteers. Pray that I will ever stay in the center of God's will.—Mary Traxler, Rt. 1, Box 110, Rayville, La.

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Missoula, Mont., Dist. Convention

The Missoula district convention convened at the Missoula Church of God, March 6-8. The Friday evening service opened with good songs and an inspiring message by Brother R. Hill of Bigtimber.

Brother Max Brandt, district pastor, was in charge. From the beginning God's presence and power was felt and we had a wonderful time in the Lord. An offering of $8.31 was taken for expenses.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings we had a good Bible study with our state overseer, Brother John Sharp, of Harlowton, in charge. The offering for our overseer was $22.34.

Saturday afternoon service opened with more enjoyable singing—with special songs by Brother Charles and Tony Washek and Brother and Sister Geo. Savchenko, of Lewistown, and Sister Bernice Boyd, of Bigtimber.

We had a short message by Brother Russell, of Sheridan, Wyo., after which our state superintendent of Sunday school and Y. P. E. spoke for a few minutes on "The Necessity of Sunday School and Y. P. E." An offering of $4.61 was taken for Brother Clark.

Saturday evening an offering of $21.53 was taken for a suit for the pastor, after which Brother Geo. Savchenko brought a message, followed by another altar service.

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The Christian's Addition Table or Steppingstones To Perfection

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father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that love him." This scripture gives us an insight into the Father's love, but as we have just mentioned, "brotherly" sometimes denotes even a closer feeling. This is what Peter is asking for here. The writer of Hebrews says, "Let brotherly love continue." In John's first epistle (4:14), he says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." Then, too, this brotherly love has a far-reaching influence, for "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another."

Kindness means mildness; gentleness. And so in these two words, *"brotherly kindness,"* there is so much, and if you and I will just add that to what we have in a fuller way, I am sure it will be well worth our effort.

f. Charity. Christian love.

1. The virtue or act of loving God with a love which transcends that of creatures, and of loving others for the sake of God.

2. Divine love for man; love in its perfection.

3. Act of loving or disposition to love all men as brothers because they are sons of God.

When Jesus came down from the mount of transfiguration and the man brought his son possessed with a dumb and deaf spirit, we find that the disciples had been unable to cast out the evil spirit. When they were alone they asked Jesus why they could not cast him out and he said, "Because of your unbelief," Matt. 17:20. Then He goes on to say, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove . . . " We stand in awe and say, "Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to do that?" But Paul says, 1 Cor. 13:2, "And though I have all faith so as to remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing."

In the next three verses; viz, 1 Peter 1:8, 9, 10, Peter gives us the reasons why we need to add these virtues, and closes by saying, "For if ye do these things, ye shall never fail."

Mission Page

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Argentine people are a hospitable, God-fearing people and our mission program is going over big under the faithful ministry of Brother Mazzucco and his corps of faithful workers. We are receiving calls from different parts of the country reaching as far as the Republic of Uruguay. The return trip to Miami, Fla., U. S. A. (7,000 miles), was made by plane, all other means of transportation being closed to us at the time. On the way up we stopped in British Guiana and organized three more churches, opening up a new field to the Church of God in South America.

The National Association of Evangelicals For United Action

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sire was shown on the part of everyone to make all others free to believe or follow the doctrines of their church without hindrance.

This conference has shown one thing, that there are men, hundreds of them, in the nominal churches where there has been a trend toward modernism who will not have it, who are standing flat for the fundamental teachings of Christ, who are feeling the need of the help of God's Spirit, who are steering away from denominational prejudices and looking for something that will bring them closer together and closer to God. Is this the opening up of an avenue by which God in His wisdom and mercy can bring about the greatest of all revivals? We wondered as we studied, with great concern, the possibility. One should not be quick to pass judgment, but ask that God bless and have His own way in the furtherance of the gospel through any channel by which He may choose to work, for "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

Editorially Speaking

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on because there was never possibly a better time to raise money than now. This money can be put on deposit in bonds or otherwise until such a time that materials for buildings are released when the building program can be consummated.

Reports From the Field

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Sunday morning after Bible study a mission offering of $20.20 was taken.

We were glad to have Brother A. Ewell, Brother and Sister J. Chrismann, Brother Landseidel and other folks from Wallace, Idaho, and surely appreciated their help in music and song.

Sunday afternoon Brother Hill brought a very timely message entitled "Windows of Heaven." Sunday evening service was in charge of the young people. We had good songs and a talk on the Lighted Pathway by Charles Washek and a short talk by Victor Sebens. The windows of heaven were truly opened to us and the Lord surely showered His blessings on all. Brother Sharp brought the closing message, after which there was an altar service, handshakes and good-byes.

Truly this convention was a great inspiration to all who attended. One soul was saved. We thank the Lord for this good convention and ask that you pray for this needy field.—Mrs. V. J. Sebens, convention clerk.

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The district fellowship meeting of the Lubbock, Tex., district met March 15 at Brownfield. The Y. P. E., with Brother Jack Gilbert, district superintendent, in charge of the service, gave the program. After talks by the local presidents and special singing a mission offering of $15.12 was taken.

Brother G. G. Asher brought the message. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and we were all made to realize our need of seeking a closer walk with God. Pray for us.—Mamie Fields, Lubbock, Tex.

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RAYVILLE, La. — Our church at Shady Grove, Rayville, La., Rt. 2, with Brother John Myrick as pastor, is progressing in a wonderful way. Brother Myrick has been very busy. The church under his pastorate has been ceiled and floored, also a new piano placed in the church. God has been working in a wonderful way.

The great love of God is in our midst here at Shady Grove. Sister Dovie Coats held a two weeks' revival and five received the precious Holy Ghost. Sister Coats is a powerhouse for God. Pray for the Shady Grove church to be a soul-saving station continually.—Sister Ruth Trumbo, Rt. 2, Box 189.

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TAHLEQUAH, Okla.—I thank God for the Evangel in our home. I enjoy reading it. It is a great help to me.

Pray that we will go over the top at Double Springs. We are thankful for our rock church. Praise God for what He has done for us. Even though the membership is small, my desire is for our church to grow larger. Pray for us that it will.

I praise God for the Holy Ghost preachers who give us the right kind of food. I praise God for our good pastor, Brother T. L. Neet, and his family. Pray that God will bless them and their need will be supplied. Pray for my husband to be saved. I am glad because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I want a Holy Ghost revival at Double Springs. Pray for my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Ahniwake Morgan, Rt. 1, Box 51.

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E. BERNSTADT, Ky.—This year we came to the church at E. Bernstadt, and as usual I started in to pastor the church and hold down a job in the coal mine also, just because of the old argument that a preacher ought to work. Of course, when I would return home from work

my body was tired and I did not feel like taking up my Bible for an hour or two of study. When time came for service I was always there, but what could I do? Just about as you would expect. The least member in the church could preach about as good as I could, but thanks be to God, on Saturday night, Feb. 21, about the time someone raised up to testify a voice spoke to me which said, "Are you the manner of person you ought to be?" I came to myself. What could I see? A dead church, a dead preacher.

I revived, laid down my job in the coal mine and began to preach, visit the saints and pray for the sick. Since that time the church has revived, our Y. P. E. is just about four times as large in attendance, our Sunday school about three times and we are up on our program with everything except the 75c per member and have some of that. We also raised five dollars for our special district mission offering. We are expecting to buy another lot and start building a new parsonage right away. We know we are all workers together with Him and if He works with us, how can we fail? Praise His great name! Let us work while it is called day, for the day is far spent, the night will soon come. Yes, let us work now with more zeal than ever before.—Rev. Roscoe Baker, pastor.

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PAINT FORK, N. C.—I thank the Lord for the sweet Holy Ghost which abides in my soul right now. I can never praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me. I thank Him for the determination I have to serve Him until the end.

I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing the work at Paint Fork church, of which I am pastor. There are some good people there to work and cooperate with. I praise the Lord for all of them. There have been three saved. One was a dear brother who was reclaimed just a few months before he passed away to be with Jesus. We are looking forward to a great revival in the near future. Pray for us that we will be in the Lord's will at all times.—Rev. D. E. Kelly, pastor, Democrat, N. C.

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Anderson, S. C., District Convention

The Anderson, S. C., district convention of the Church of God convened at Anderson Feb. 20-22, inclusive.

Those having a part on the program during the convention were: Brother. J. C. Childers, pastor of Anderson, Rev. A. G. Madden, Rev. R. G. Carter, Brother R. W. Sloan, Brother E. W. Hunter, Sister M. P. Cross, Brother M. P. Cross, the choir, Dixie Quartet, Belton Trio, Brother Hoyt Strickland, district superintendent of Sunday school and Y. P. E.

No services were held Saturday on account of working conditions but a good service was had that night. After Brother Looney's message everyone gathered in the altar and reconsecrated himself to the Lord and His work.

Sister Cross' message Sunday morning surely was wonderful and Brother Cross' message on "Missions" was the best I believe I have ever heard. After the offering was taken the mission fund was richer by $111.50 and no special drive.

The Church of God in South Carolina, and in Anderson especially, is working with all its might to put the program over. We believe when the state convention comes that everyone will be surprised for I know how the people here are working and I also have reasons to believe that this is not the only church that is going all out for God.

After Brother Hoyt Strickland's talk an offering for the orphans was taken which amounted to over $20. You see we really love our unfortunate children and you will hear a great deal more about this work at the state convention.

Pray for us here that we will stand firm for God.—L. G. Wilson.

Revivals and Their Results

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—We are glad to report our second successful revival this year at Williamsburg, with Brother J. E. Smeltzer doing the preaching. The Spirit of God was in each service. There were seven conversions. We feel that the church here was greatly blessed through the wonderful sermons and Sister Smeltzer's singing. Pray for the church here and for our pastor's wife, as she has been in bed for nearly two years. — Ed F. Smith, clerk.

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MT. MORIAH, Ohio.—The Church of God at Mt. Moriah, Ohio, has just closed a most successful twenty-six-day evangelistic campaign with Brother V. O. Oplinger, of Akron, Ohio, and Brother Charles Griffin, of Blue Creek, Ohio, in charge. The boys are real evangelists.

Fifteen were saved, nine sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water and five added to the Church of God. This surely was a great revival for this place. People came for miles around to attend this revival and we surely enjoyed the stirring messages as they came forth from night to night and the good music which was furnished.—Rev. Frank Sprague, pastor, Rt. 2, Racine, Ohio.

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ROCHESTER, Tex. — The Lord is really good to us here. We have just closed a few nights' revival. Brother Finnal did the preaching. One was saved and the saints blessed.

We praise God for our Easter service. We had a sunrise service and truly the Lord was with us. We started another revival last night. The Lord surely blessed during the testimony service. This morning my heart is sad because I can see so many unsaved. I have loved ones here and at other places who are unsaved. Some have known the Lord but have backslidden. I also have friends and neighbors whom I desire to see saved. Pray for them.

Our Sunday school and Y. P. E. rally day will convene May 10. Everyone is invited, especially all on Brother Bridges' district. We are looking for a great time in the Lord. Come, be with us.

We still thank God for our pastor and family. We all love them. Pray for our revival, for truly there are many souls to rescue. Pray for us all. — Grace Keeney.

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MARIETTA, Ohio.—We are glad to report a good revival in Marietta. Rev. W. B. Branham, of Kentucky, held this three weeks' meeting. Seven were saved, five sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. The church is encouraged and pressing on with our good pastor, L. A. Murphy. —Olivi Brown, 305 Pike St.

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AUGUSTA, Me.—We praise the Lord for the past four and a half weeks' special meetings conducted by Brother C. W. Clark and wife, of Pontiac, Mich. Brother Clark is a deep preacher and saint and sinner were made to see their need of a closer walk with God.

Sister R. E. Justin, our beloved pastor, is a good coworker. Brother J. Stewart Brinsfield, our state overseer, is surely doing a good work for the Lord in the New England States and we feel highly favored in having such a fine staff of workers in our midst.—Lida B. Ricker, 13 Swan St.

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MARKS, Miss.—We have just closed a few nights' meeting. Brother D. Z. Bozeman, of Cleveland, Miss., did the preaching. Two were saved and the saints were revived. Pray for us.—Alvie Morgan.

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